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(U) On June 17, Econoff delivered points in reftel to Ivan Roberts, A/Director, Canadian International Development Agency, Gulf of Guinea Division. Roberts said that Canada has not had a bilateral aid relationship with Liberia in recent years. Canada has offered assistance to Liberia through multilateral platforms, however. Roberts explained that the GOC is currently reducing the number of its international assistance programs in order to better focus on larger more successful programs. In this environment, he said, it is unlikely that Canada will start an aid program to Liberia. Roberts said that the Canadian representative at the Liberia Poverty Reduction Forum in Berlin will likely be from the Canadian Embassy in Berlin, but the final decision has not yet been made.

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